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Sherwin Borsuk, M.D.  
Chief Executive Officer  
Diagnostic Imaging Services of Connecticut, L.L.C.  
101 North Plains Industrial Road  
Wallingford, CT 06492

Re: Certificate of Need Determination, Report Number 04-30347-DTR  
Diagnostic Imaging Services of Connecticut, L.L.C. d/b/a West Hartford Open MRI  
Proposal to Establish Open Magnetic Resonance Imaging Center in West Hartford

Dear Dr. Borsuk:

On July 29, 2004, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination request concerning the proposal of Diagnostic Imaging Services of Connecticut, L.L.C. d/b/a/ West Hartford Open MRI to establish an open magnetic resonance imaging ("MRI") center at 8 North Main Street, West Hartford, at a total capital expenditure of \$389,900. OHCA has reviewed the information contained in your CON Determination request letter and makes the following findings:

1. Diagnostic Imaging Services of Connecticut, L.L.C. d/b/a/ West Hartford Open MRI ("Applicant") is a private physician practice formed to provide radiological services. The Applicant is wholly owed by physicians and is duly licensed to practice medicine in the State of Connecticut.
2. The Applicant plans to establish an open MRI imaging center to serve patients residing and receiving medical services in the greater Hartford area.
3. The imaging center will be known as the West Hartford Open MRI and will be established in preexisting office space located at 8 North Main Street, West Hartford.
4. It is anticipated that patients requiring MRI diagnostic services will find the open MRI systems to be more patient-friendly than closed MRI systems and that the open MRI systems will be of special assistance to claustrophobic and obese patients.

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5. The proposed population to be served by the Applicant is over three hundred thousand people residing in the towns of Hartford County, which include Hartford, West Hartford and East Hartford.
6. The Applicant intends to acquire and install a 0.3 tesla Hitachi Airis open MRI scanner for the proposed imaging center.
7. The Applicant will engage the services of a practice management company, West Hartford Open MRI, L.L.C. ("Practice Manager"), which will acquire the proposed scanner, medical office space, ancillary equipment and furnishings and provide administrative services on behalf of the Applicant.
8. The Applicant will be solely responsible for the provision of professional diagnostic imaging services at the proposed center. All patient services will be billed and collected in the name of the Applicant.
9. The total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$389,900, which includes \$333,900 for the fair market value of the proposed scanner and \$56,000 for building renovations necessary to accommodate the proposed service.
10. The \$333,900 capital expenditure for the proposed scanner will be financed through a lease arrangement.
11. The proposed imaging center is projected to become operational in September 2004.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Certificate of Need approval is not required for Diagnostic Imaging Services of Connecticut, L.L.C. d/b/a/ West Hartford Open MRI to establish an open magnetic resonance imaging center at 8 North Main Street, West Hartford, at a total capital expenditure of \$389,900. Please be advised, however, that if the Applicant changes the scope of services to be provided at this location or incurs a total capital expenditure equal to or greater than \$400,000 for the open MRI scanner, Certificate of Need approval from OHCA would then be required.

Thank you for advising OHCA of your plans. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Jack A. Huber, Health Care Analyst, at OHCA at (860) 418-7034.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel  
Commissioner

cc: Rose McLellan, Licensing Examination Assistant, DHSR, DPH  
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